(d) The total exports of wheat during the last 2 years is as under:-

Year	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs. crores)
1999-2000	4	—
2000-01	870480	444.23
Apr-Sept. 2001	1113893	574.91

(Source: DGCI and S, Calcutta)

Loan to foreign companies

2926. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether financial institutions have given loan to several power generating companies;

(b) If so, company-wise amount of loan given alongwith the names of the finanical institutions, which have provided loan;

(c) Whether some foreign companies are also among the companies, who have taken loan form these finanical institutions; and

(d) if so, the names of such foreign companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

Poverty Alleviation Programme in Himachal Pradesh

2927. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the World Bank has ranked Himachal Pradesh among the backward and poorest state;

(b) if so, the number of families living below the poverty line in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) the action taken to implement poverty alleviation programme and reduce poverty in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Poverty alleviation schemes being implemented in Himachal Pradesh include the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPs).

Amendment in pension Rules

2928. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have received any representations from various trade unions with regard to fixing of pension on the basis of last pay drawn as was recommended by the Fifth Central Pay Commission with effect from 1st January, 1996 instead of the average of the last 10 months pay drawn; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon and by when orders to this effect are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Fifth Central Pay Commission had not recommended for fixation of pension of Central Government employees on the basis of last pay drawn.

(b) In view of (a) above, this does not arise.